

RESOLUTION
OF
THE LEGISLATURE OF INDIANA,
Relative to the national road.

MARCH 31, 1848.

Ordered to lie on the table, and be printed.

A JOINT RESOLUTION relative to the national road.

Whereas the federal government, in the year eighteen hundred and five, projected the construction of a national road from the east to the west, and from year to year, until eighteen hundred and thirty-seven, made liberal appropriations for the prosecution of that important work:

And whereas, in the location of this great thoroughfare through this State, the citizens on the line of said road, under the promise and on the good faith of the general government, were induced to give up gratuitously the right of way for a macadamized road through their lands:

And whereas, under the expectation that the general government would complete said road, the legislature of this State was induced to vacate a large portion of the State road which ran parallel with the line of said road, and the federal government having failed to complete their work, a large portion of our own citizens, the public at large, and the government itself in the transportation of the great western mail, suffer much inconvenience from the present dilapidated state of the national road: Therefore,

Sec. 1. *Be it resolved by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana,* That our Senators be instructed, and our Representatives requested, to use their exertions to secure the passage of a law by Congress surrendering the eastern division of the Cumberland road in this State to the State, together with all the materials, construction, &c., on the same, and the right to use the line of said road for the purpose of having it completed by private companies, under acts of incorporation by State authority: Provided, however, that the United States may reserve the right to resume the ownership and control of said road at any time by paying the corporators the cost of constructing the same.

Sec. 2. *Resolved,* That the governor be authorized to forward a copy of this joint resolution to each of our Senators and Representatives in Congress.

WILLIAM A. PORTER,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.
PARIS C. DUNNING,
President of the Senate.

Approved February 11, 1848.

JAMES WHITCOMB.

